M.A.ED. ESL/BILINGUAL EDUCATION

Teaching with compassion and hope.

Want to be an advocate for English language learners? Make it a reality with an M.A.Ed. in Curriculum & Instruction with a concentration in ESL and Bilingual Education from William & Mary. Our program focuses on integrating theory, research and practice so that in one year, you’ll be ready to step into the classroom with the knowledge, skills and strategies to confidently teach students from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. Get ready to make an impact on students and families.

**FAST FACTS**

**Designed for:** People who wish to teach linguistically diverse students in K-12 general, ESL and bilingual classrooms. Intended for those not already certified to teach.

**Prerequisite:** Bachelor’s degree and basic knowledge of a foreign language

**Course requirements:** Full-time, on-campus 12 month program consisting of 41-42 credits including practicum and student teaching experiences

**Entry term:** Summer

**Fieldwork:** Clinical field experience (minimum of 60 hours) and a 15-week immersive teaching experience

**COURSE TOPICS INCLUDE:**

- Foundations of education
- Educational psychology and development
- Cross-cultural & linguistic communication
- Methods in teaching ESL
- Bilingual education and dual language programs
- Understanding language: theory & practice
- Elementary reading and language arts curriculum and Instruction
- Classroom field experience
- ESL curriculum design and materials
- ESL testing and evaluation
- Student teaching experience

**FIELD EXPERIENCES**

In addition to curriculum and instruction courses in language development for ESL and bilingual education, you will spend time in real classrooms throughout the program.

**Fall clinical field experience:** You’ll be placed in a local school with a cooperating teacher to complete a minimum of 60 hours of observation and interaction. Coursework is linked to the field experiences, with faculty supporting students as they become immersed in the classroom.

**Spring student teaching:** Students continue working in the same classroom for their spring student teaching experience. This full-time teaching internship provides an intensive and critical component of your preparation as a teacher.

**LEARN MORE**

View the program of study at education.wm.edu/ci

Questions about applying for admission?
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WHY W&M?
Looking to pursue a graduate degree in education? Here are a few reasons to consider W&M:

A welcoming and supportive community
The School of Education is big enough to offer a diverse range of programs, people and experiences, but small enough to feel like family. You’ll make close connections with your fellow students and your professors — relationships that will stay with you for life and help you forge your own career path.

A focus on leadership in education
Our programs produce leaders — people with the passion, skills and tenacity to effect change in education. Our alumni achieve early recognition, becoming school leaders and innovators.

A campus in the heart of historic Williamsburg
Founded in 1693, W&M is a campus that offers years of history and countless beloved traditions.

Professors who are leaders in the field
Our faculty are recognized and respected around the world for instruction and research. They’re passionate about their own research as well as the success of their students — they are, after all, teachers first and foremost.

Field experiences that will change your life
You won’t be stuck in lectures and you won’t have to wait until after graduation to begin making a difference in the lives of students and communities. Opportunities abound to pursue meaningful, fulfilling experiences that allow students to both learn and contribute.

Programs for students at every career stage
Our graduate programs are designed to meet the needs of a diverse student population that includes full-time and part-time students, people re-entering the paid work force after raising a family, and recent recipients of bachelor's or master's degrees preparing for advanced positions in the field of education.